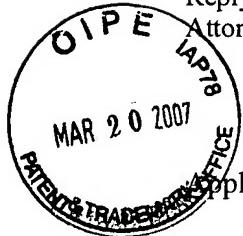


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Please find enclosed with this correspondence, a Petition For Extension of Time for a period of one month, extending the time in which a response is due to the outstanding Office Action until March 17, 2007.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated November 17, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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